



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

Bill Richardson  
*Governor*

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-029

### DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR LINCOLN COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2004 a wildfire, known as the Peppin Fire, was ignited by lighting on Federal lands in Lincoln County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Peppin fire has burned throughout Capitan Peak area of the Lincoln National Forest and surrounding private lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, the fire is uncontrolled and currently threatening homes, businesses, and infrastructure on state and private lands; and,

**WHEREAS**, there exists a threat to the life and safety of the public; and,

**WHEREAS**, all available local and state resources are required for response and recovery and may be insufficient to prevent damage from this wildfire, and the resulting loss will pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the citizens of, and visitors to the area, as well as to the economic base of the affected local governments; and,

**WHEREAS**, this situation constitutes an emergency with potentially catastrophic consequences,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, BILL RICHARDSON, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby declare a State of Emergency for Lincoln County due to the Peppin wildfire. The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Public Safety are directed to utilize the \$750,000 in emergency financial resources designated in Executive Order No. 2004-028 while executing the purposes of this Executive Order. All State Agencies are directed to provide such assistance as may be requested by the Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety or State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety is directed to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

ATTEST:

  
REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2004

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR

